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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manipulating network objects by using extending an Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol to a network directory structure having network administration functions, wherein the protocol allows a user to perform remote web content authoring and user rights administration operations, the method comprising:
  - receiving a request using the Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol for a manipulation of a first network object from a requesting user, wherein the first network object includes at least one from the group consisting of: devices, resources and container objects;
  - verifying a first set of authorization information;
  - translating a logical object address to a physical file system path;
  - checking a file system for validity and authorization for the requesting user including determining whether the first network object is a network object within the network directory structure;
  - verifying a username and a password for the requesting user;
  - returning a first error message if requesting user is unauthorized to access the first network object;
  - determining an object type for the first network object;
  - sending a response to the requesting user; and
  - accessing the network administration functions of the network directory structure using the Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol; and
  - administering user rights to the first network object using the Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol, wherein the administration of the user rights is allowed without requiring client software, related to the network directory structure authoring operations

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~~and administration of the user rights,~~ installed on a user workstation.